PROPOSED STATE OF ILLINOIS RULES AFFECTING SMALL BUSINESS

Following are proposed rules of possible interest to small businesses published in the October 28, 2005 *Illinois Register*. During the 45-day comment period, individuals have an opportunity to express their support or opposition to the rule. To submit comments or to learn more about the proposed rules, contact Katy Khayyat at the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Entrepreneurship Network Information Center via e-mail at kkhayyat@ildceo.net or call (800) 252-2923 or (217) 785-8020.

The following proposed regulation will impact lobbyists:

The Secretary of State proposed amendments for "Lobbyist Registration and Reports" (2 III. Adm. Code 560) to implement certain changes affecting lobbyists that result from new statutes titled State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (P.A. 93-615) and FY 2004 Budget Implementation Act (P.A. 93-32). A new section requires every registered lobbying entity to designate on its registration statement a "responsibility party" who will act as the contact person for the registered entity and handle lobbyist registration and reporting duties with the SOS Index Department that are not included in the duties of the entity's authorized agent. A registered entity that does not have more than one employee shall designate the authorized agent at the responsible party. Various forms and reports, including the required lobbyist photograph may be submitted electronically, but all paper submissions must be filed at the SOS Index Department's Springfield office by the end of business on the due date. The list of state officials by position title that SOS is required to maintain will be available ton the SOS website and will be mailed to authorized agents only upon request. Lists of lobbyist registrants and expenditure reports will be available on computer disk at no charge to anyone who provides a compatible computer disk. Every person required to register must do so no later than two business days (currently 10 days) after being employed or retained and also on or before each January 31st and July 31st thereafter. The contents of the required registration statement are enumerated, including 22 categories from which to designate the nature of the client's business (e.g., healthcare, insurance, public utilities). The annual registration fee is increased from \$50/person to \$350/person, except that certain charitable and other not-for-profit organizations pay a \$150 fee with proof of Section 501 ©(3) tax status under the Internal Revenue Code. Concerning expenditure reports, the Index Department will notify any authorized agent who failed to file a required report within 10 days (currently 30 days) after the agent misses the reporting deadline. The information required in the itemized report of individual expenditures over \$100 is listed. Also, the rulemaking specifies that unreported gifts or honoraria may be reimbursed rather than returned to the lobbyist registrant by the gift or honoraria recipient if the official chooses. Expenditure report deadlines will not be extended due to a lobbyist's failure to receive an official's response to the3 information reported, but rather the lobbyist must promptly file an appendix to the report to cover such a response. Registered entities that make no reportable expenditures are required to file a Lobbving Activity Detail Report in addition to the Expenditure Summary Report.

Bottom Line: Rules reflect changes in the law, most notably the new section on "Designation Responsible Party" (the person available to provide information) and an addition to "Lobbyist Notifications to Officials" regarding deadline on expenditure reports prior to a response. Questions or comments can be directed to Nathan Maddox, 217-785-3094.

The following proposed regulation will impact commercial driver training schools and CDL holders:

The Secretary of State proposed amendments for "Commercial Driver Training Schools" (92 III. Adm. Code 1060) concerning the qualifications of instructors and "brush-up" courses for drivers with a commercial driver's license (CDL). The rulemaking specifically prohibits a commercial driver training school from knowingly using unlicensed instructors for classroom or behind-the-wheel and reiterates that no person may instruct in the L and/or M classification who has not held the representative classification (Class M) for the 3 consecutive prior years. (Class M covers any motorcycle or any "motor-driven cycle". Class L covers only motor-driven cycles with less than 150 cc displacement.) Concerning brush-up

courses of instruction, a cross-reference to federal requirements for a commercial driver's license is added to the rules.

Bottom Line: The rules disallow unlicensed and/or unqualified instructors; prohibits third party safety officers from being licensed as instructors; requires licensure prior to teaching; and limits brush-up courses to previous licensees. For additional information, contact JoAnn Wilson, 217-785-1441.

The following proposed amendment will impact physicians, nurses, vehicle service providers, and other healthcare workers:

The Department of Public Health proposed an amendment for "Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Center Code" (77 III. Adm. Code 515). A companion, but not identical, emergency amendment became effective 7/29/05 and was published in the 8/12/05 Illinois Register. The rulemaking adds a statement specifically requiring that the Department of Public Health's Uniform DNR Order form or a copy of that form must be honored. ("DNR" refers to a do-not-resuscitate order that covers withholding of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), electrical therapy, tracheal intubation, and manually or mechanically assisted ventilations unless otherwise stated on the DNR order). If the Uniform DNR Order is reproduced, brightly colored paper is recommended. Concerning revocation of a written DNR Order, if the physician who signed the order or the person who gave written consent to the order verbally rescinds it, he or she must write the word "VOID" in large letters across the front of the order.

Bottom Line: DPH, in cooperation with statewide organizations, developed a uniform DNR order to be used in all settings. First Responders now includes EMS personnel. Annual quality assurance policy reports are no longer required. Contact Susan Meister, 217-7895-2043 with questions or comments.

Matchmaking Conference –November 15 – Richland Community College in Decatur

Go one-on-one with government buyers, with no prospecting, no booths and no waiting at the Matchmaking Conference, November 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Richland Community College in Decatur. The cost is \$40 per person.

Bring your best sales pitch, including price lists, product descriptions, company history and reference information on November 15 for your individual meetings with government buyers. Identify up to four agencies that you would like to meet with. After you register, they will create a schedule of 15-minute meetings for you to meet with government buyers, including Illinois State Police, University of Illinois, City of Decatur, and U.S. EPA, U.S. Navy, U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs, Defense Supply Center Columbus, United States Postal Service.

For more information, call Barb Mosier at (217) 875-7211, ext. 2450 or email bmosier@richland.edu.

2005 Opportunity Conference -November 9 - Chicago Metro Area

The U.S. Department of Labor, in partnership with the Asian American Alliance, the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Chicago Urban League will host a regional Opportunity Conference in Chicago. Celebrating the contributions of the region's Asian Pacific, Hispanic, and African American communities, the Opportunity Conference will emphasize key components of economic development and working with federal, state and local government.

Workshop topics include: Access to Capital, Marketing, Financial Literacy, Understanding Federal Procurement Opportunities, Addressing the Needs of Workers with Limited English Proficiency, Accessing Faith-Based and Community Grants, The Federal Grants Process and more.

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